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Mayor Giammo Delivers State of the City Address

Rockville Mayor Larry Giammo delivered his first State of the City address on Tuesday, May 14, at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville. To the backdrop of community pictures and colorful graphics, the Mayor spoke about the challenges and opportunities he believes Rockville will face in the future and the goals the Mayor and Council have formulated to specifically address those issues.

Some of the challenges and opportunities mentioned by Mayor Giammo included traffic congestion, school-over crowding, over-development and maintaining a strong sense of community. He stated that the Mayor and Council intend to work toward meeting the five goals and 22 supporting action items they have formulated to direct policy and decision making for their 2002-03 term.

The five goals include: creating a Vibrant Town Center, Better Mobility, Superior City Services, Strengthened Neighborhoods and Rockville: Community

Identity and Pride.

"I believe these goals are both ambitious and relevant to the challenges facing the City," Giammo said.

A significant portion of Giammo's speech focused on the importance of redeveloping Town Center as a vibrant focal point that will be the heart and soul of the Rockville community, complete with a mixed use of residential, office, retail and restaurant space.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for premier mixed-use development," Giammo said, referring to the 60 acres of land within

walking distance to the Rockville Metro station.

Among the steps necessary to complete Town Center, Giammo said, include finalizing an agreement with developer

Federal Realty and selecting a site for the new 96,000 square-foot Rockville Regional Library. He also cited the need to implement a parking district strategy.

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— Mayor Larry Giammo



Mayor Larry Giammo addresses crowd of about 150 at Fitzgerald Theatre.

provements such as safety modifications at pedestrian crosswalks, completion of the 44 miles of planned bicycle routes that will circle Rockville and a pilot program for a local loop shuttle service around Town Center.

Giammo capped off the speech by pointing out what is different since he and Councilmembers Anne Robbins, Bob Dorsey, John Hall and Susan Hoffmann were elected to office seven months ago. He noted the Mayor and Council are working more closely with the U.S. Congress as well as state and local lawmakers and members of the local business community.

"We're trying to gain a fresh perspective," Giammo said, "to think creatively about how to make Rockville an even stronger community." ❖

RISE-ing to the Occasion: Youth Help Community

It is not a lot of money. But to someone whose family does not have a steady income, the \$25 bi-weekly paycheck can mean the world.

When many people are still relaxing at home on Saturday morning, one group of youngsters is working hard around Rockville, helping senior citizens with house work and assisting in the clean-up at local community centers, parks and cemeteries. They do these deeds as part of Rockville's RISE program – and the results can be seen in the participants and the community they serve.

The acronym stands for Reaching Individual Self-Empowerment (RISE). And on Saturday, May 11, 64 RISE participants were honored for their contributions at the City's annual RISE awards banquet at the Lincoln Park Community Center.

RISE participants work eight hours a week in the community, mostly on Saturdays, to earn the paycheck that is meant to instill a hearty sense of responsibility and accountability at an early age. For example, money is deducted if a participant shows up late on Saturday or does not live up to expectations in school or at home.

"Many of the youngsters involved in this program live in public housing or are from



Rockville's Art Billings congratulates Robert Freeman, a sixth grade honors student at Julius West Middle School who has just completed his first year in the RISE Program.

single-parent homes," said Art Billings, a Youth and Community Specialist with Rockville's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services who started and directs the RISE program. "RISE reminds them that a wrong turn in life does not mean the destination has been finalized." ❖

CALL **301-309-3380** FOR MORE INFO

NEW Phone Numbers For Rockville

The City of Rockville is installing a new phone system at its 13 City facilities in late June. At that time, all City departments and employees will be getting new phone numbers beginning with the area code **240**. Residents who call an old phone number will be referred to the correct number by an automatic message system.

The new phone system will make it easier to transfer calls so residents can get quick connects with the proper employee.

Look for the July edition of Rockville Reports for a Quick Reference list of new City phone numbers.

Calendar of Events

City Events

2 Confederate General Jeb Stuart's Ride through Rockville: Civil War Re-enactment. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Courthouse Square in Town Center. Peerless Rockville hosts this historic re-enactment of Major General Jeb Stuart's 1863 ride through Rockville during the Civil War. Admission is free. Call 301-762-0096 for more information.

2 Namu Lwanga: Sunday Afternoon Concert Series. 2 p.m. Glenview Mansion. First Floor Conservatory. Free.

5 Out To Lunch Wednesdays: Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition Concert. 12 noon-1:30 p.m. East Montgomery Avenue in Town Center. Performing free bluegrass music concert. Farmer's Market open 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

7 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway. 7:30 p.m. Local veterans of the Battle of Midway speak at the Twinbrook Community Center. Free. Donations accepted. Call 301-762-0096.

9 Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Free. Tickets are not required. Call 301-309-3340 for more information.

12 Out To Lunch Wednesdays: Rockfish. Free rock music concert. 12 noon-1:30 p.m. East Montgomery Avenue in Town Center. Farmer's Market open 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

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19 Out To Lunch
Wednesdays: Patty Reese Band. 12 noon-1:30 p.m.
East Montgomery Avenue in Town Center. Free rock music concert. Farmer's Market open 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

2-30 “Three Views – Landscape Paintings” Exhibit. Glenview Mansion Art Gallery. Opening Reception: June 2, 1-4 p.m.; Artist Talk: June 13, 7:30 p.m.; Guided Gallery Tour: June 14, 10 a.m. Admission is free.

21-23; 28-30 The Musical Theatre presents “A Chorus Line.” Performed by students in grades 9-12. Weekend showtimes: Friday at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre. Call 301-545-5660 for ticket information.

22 Off-Leash Testing. 10 a.m. Middle Lane Parking lot. Certification for dogs to walk without a leash. Call 301-309-3115 to register in advance.

23 Rabies Clinic. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Montgomery County Animal Shelter, 1465 Rothgeb Drive. For dogs, cats and ferrets.

26 Out To Lunch
Wednesdays: Soul Mason. 12 noon-1:30 p.m.
East Montgomery Avenue in Town Center. Free alternative music concert. Farmer's Market open 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

29-30 Montgomery County History Days. Peerless Rockville hosts tours of historic Rockville. Open house in Red Brick Courthouse. 12 noon-4 p.m. Free. Call 301-762-0096 for more information.

Nature Center

Reservations are required for special events. See the City Web site or the Summer Recreation Guide for details. For more information call 301-545-5691.

6 Wheelbarrow of Wild Flowers. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. \$20 residents. \$23 nonresidents. Travel to a dried flower farm to choose your own flower and create a flower centerpiece. Includes a picnic lunch.

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City Projects UPDATE

Recreation and Parks

HUNGERFORD

Dawson Farm Park • Will replace wooden bridge and reconstruct granary • granary and bridge design underway in spring • projected completion fall 2002 • public input will be incorporated into design

MONTROSE

Montrose Community Center • Construction began April 1 • improvements include a new roof, windows and additional storage space • will reopen in summer 2002

GENERAL PROJECTS

Beall-Dawson Historical Park • Installation of period lighting currently underway • construction of fence for herb and vegetable garden to begin in summer

Croydon Creek Pedestrian Bridge • Wooden bridge at the end of Avery Road over Croydon Creek to be replaced • securing permits • completion in summer

Energy Study • Phase I to be completed in August 2002 • Phase II to begin in fall/winter 2002-03

I-270/Route 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • Separate bridge parallel to Route 28 on south side across I-270 to connect Hurley Avenue and Nelson Street bikeways • TEA-21 award for \$3,124,421 received from State Highway Administration • under design • construction scheduled for spring 2003 • citizen input will continue to be incorporated into design

Isreal Park Shelter Improvement • Aged shelter to be replaced • in design stage

Mary Trumbo Park • Staff is meeting with community on design ideas for park in East Rockville

Millennium Trail • Norbeck Road multi-use path from East Gude Drive to Veirs Mill Road in design, construction scheduled for 2002-03

• resurfacing of path along Wootton Parkway from Edmonston Drive to Falls Road scheduled for 2002

Rockville Senior Center • Expand dining room • renovate kitchen • soundproof card and computer rooms • currently in planning stage • construction in winter 2003

Swim Center • Remove ceramic tiles on the deck surface ramp and bridge areas of the outdoor recreation and deck surface of tot pool • nonskid surfacing in high traffic areas • install drain system in tot pool • install handrails on all outdoor ramp areas

Wootton Parkway Landscape • Enhancements to be made to landscaping on Wootton Parkway between Route 355 and Falls Road • project is out to bid • installation to begin fall 2002

CALL **301-309-3330** FOR MORE INFO

Public Works

TOWN CENTER

Maryland Avenue Extension • Initial survey complete • awaiting finalized development package

WEST END

Brick sidewalks • Forest Street and Laird Street installation scheduled for July • currently reviewing bids

GENERAL PROJECTS

Asphalt Maintenance Program • Work will begin in mid-July in the following areas: a portion of Argyle Street, Chadsbury, College Gardens, Dover Road, Loftstrand Lane, Howard Avenue, Markwood, Montrose subdivision, New Mark, Rothgeb Drive, Stonestreet Avenue, a portion of Twinbrook Forest and Woodley Gardens East.

Baltimore Road • Bike path upgrade from Gladstone to Twinbrook Parkway has begun • July completion

Bike/Pedestrian Improvements • Planned for spring • intersections include Great Falls Road at Maryland Route 28; Maryland Route 355 at Maryland Route 28 and at Maryland Route 586; Twinbrook Parkway at Chapman Avenue; and Maryland Route 28 at I-270 and Nelson Street

Fallsgrove Off-site Improvements • Intersections to be improved include Gude Drive and Research Boulevard; Gude Drive and Gaither Road; I-270 and Shady Grove Road; I-270, Maryland Route 28 and Nelson Street; West Montgomery Avenue and Gude Drive; West Montgomery Avenue and Shady Grove Road; and Shady Grove and Research Boulevard

Mount Vernon SWM • Improvements will be made to Cabin John Creek with modifications to existing storm water management • construction to start in May

North Horners Lane Utilities Improvement • Water main upgrade planned between Southlawn Lane and Westmore Avenue

Street Lighting Improvements • Currently installing lights on Park Avenue and Wootton Parkway between Hurley Avenue and McCormick Road • will install 12 new lights this summer throughout the City

Talbott Water Tank • Repairs and installation of cathodic protection underway • expected completion in June

Wootton Parkway Improvements • New traffic signal and an extra turn lane are being added on Scott Drive at Wootton Parkway to separate right and left turn movements • intersection of Wootton Parkway and Glen Mill Road is being modified so Wootton Parkway continues straight to Darnestown Road • Glen Mill Road will stop at Wootton Parkway

CALL **301-309-3220** FOR MORE INFO

J.G. Hayes Honored Forest Preserve Dedicated at Croydon Creek Nature Center

The Croydon Creek Nature Center celebrated its grand opening on Earth Day, April 21. Located behind the Glenview Mansion amongst rolling hills in Rockville Civic Center Park, the Nature Center will host various programs throughout the year to educate students about the importance of preserving and protecting nature.

One life-long advocate of that cause was John G. Hayes, former Superintendent of Parks and Facilities for the City of Rockville, who passed away in December after battling cancer. Hayes' 30 years of City service was largely spent preserving and enhancing Rockville's parks and natural resources, many of which surround the newly-opened Nature Center.

Shortly after members of the Mayor and Council cut the ribbon to officially open the Nature Center, they dedicated a 100-acre forest preserve in Hayes' memory on a nature path



leading to the new facility.

Surrounding the monument that marks the John G. Hayes Forest Preserve, from left to right, are Councilmember Bob Dorsey; Mayor Larry Giammo; Councilmembers Susan Hoffmann, John Hall and Anne Robbins; and Maryland State Senator Jennie Forehand (District 17).

Beginning June 3, the Nature Center will

have new hours. The facility will be open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. The Nature Center will be closed on Mondays. Summer campers who previously signed up for a Monday program will not be affected by this change. ➕

CALL **301-294-2752** FOR MORE INFO

A Little Walking, A Lot of Talking


Members of the Rockville Mayor and Council are committed to strengthening neighborhoods and one effective way they interact with residents is through the Walking Town Meeting program. Once the weather turns warm, the program kicks into high gear.

On Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, residents are invited to join the Rockville Mayor and Council and City senior staff as they host a Walking Town Meeting through the Potomac Springs neighborhood. On July 20, a Walking Town Meeting will be held in the Carter Hill neighborhood.

“These meetings are a great way for residents to show off their community and voice any concerns they may have about

Rockville in general or their neighborhood in particular,” said Chris Bartlett, Rockville’s Senior Neighborhood Resources Coordinator. “And what better visual to have a for a meeting than the neighborhood or business itself.”

On Saturday, May 11, the East Rockville Civic Association hosted a walking tour of its neighborhood. And on April 20, a Business Walking Town Meeting was held at the Ritchie Center and the Rockville City Centre.

For more information on the Walking Town Meeting program, and exact starting locations of upcoming meetings, call 301-309-3246. 



Pictured, from left to right, is a Rockville resident discussing some of the issues local businesses face with Councilmember Susan Hoffmann and Rockville’s Chief of Long-range Planning Jim Wasilak.

In Brief

Out To Lunch Wednesdays

Looking for a mid-week break? Beginning June 5 through September 25, outdoor concerts will be held at East Montgomery Avenue in Rockville Town Center, on Wednesdays, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

The June entertainment schedule includes: June 5, Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition (bluegrass music); June 12, Rockfish (rock music); June 19, Patty Reese Band (rock music); and June 26, Soul Mason (alternative music). Admission is free.

The Farmer’s Market in Town Center also will be open on Wednesday afternoons from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CALL **301-309-3337** FOR MORE INFO

Tee Times at RedGate

RedGate Municipal Golf Course now accepts reservations for tee times – including on the day of play – after 9:30 a.m. (except when the club is booked for a function.) Reservations can be made for up to two foursomes, when secured by a credit card.

Other changes this year include a new promotion that will provide a free round of green fees for players who play five rounds Monday through Thursday. Upcoming tournaments include the annual Rockville Open on July 12-13. The field is limited to 104 handicap players that will be formed into six flights, including the championship flight.

An “Octoberfest” series on four consecutive weekends in October will highlight the fall calendar.

CALL **301-309-3055** FOR MORE INFO

Dates Open at Glenview

Policies on reserving the Glenview Mansion for private events, such as corporate meetings and weddings, have changed. Residents may now book the mansion up to 18 months in advance. The 2002 calendar still has some prime dates available.

CALL **301-309-3001** FOR MORE INFO

**Save the Date: Flag Day Ceremony
June 14 at 7 p.m.
Veterans Park**

Family Fun Book

The City of Rockville is offering the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association’s Family Fun Book that includes discount coupons for a variety of recreational activities throughout the state. Savings range from \$10 to \$50 for outings such as golf, tennis, wine festivals, fitness centers and more. The book costs \$10.

CALL **301-309-3330** FOR MORE INFO

General Stuart’s 1863 Visit

On Sunday, June 2, Peerless Rockville will re-create Major General JEB Stuart’s 1863 visit to Rockville, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Town Center. Streets around Courthouse Square will be closed and the public is invited to picnic on the grounds surrounding the historic Red Brick Courthouse. The event is free.

Activities will include period food demonstrations, Civil War military re-enactors, music and more. Historian Charles Jacobs will narrate a living history of Rockville’s role in the Civil War. Some speculate that had Confederate Major Stuart not stopped so long in Rockville, capturing supplies and prominent Rockville citizens, the outcome of the Battle of Gettysburg – and the Civil War – may have been different.

CALL **301-762-0096** FOR MORE INFO

Contacting Code Enforcement

In an ongoing effort to keep the City of Rockville looking beautiful, there is a new customer service counter in City Hall to assist residents with community code enforcement applications, questions and other matters. The new counter is located on the second floor of City Hall and will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The City’s Community Enhancement Code Enforcement staff will be on hand to assist residents with applications for rental licenses for homes and apartment buildings and to issue permits for oversized vehicles and licenses for block parties and other events. In addition, residents and commercial businesses wishing to report trash and dumpster issues or property in disrepair can either visit the counter in City Hall or call 301-545-5650.

CALL **301-545-5650** FOR MORE INFO

Traffic Calming

Rockville’s Division of Transportation is actively responding to requests for speed studies on local streets. Several traffic calming projects are already underway and will be constructed in the summer and fall.

Traffic calming plans are now being considered or are underway for Argyle Street, Mannakee Street and Dundee Road. Among the calming measures being considered are speed humps, islands and traffic circles.

CALL **301-309-3220** FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

La entrada es gratis

Llame al 301-309-3337 para más información

- Presentaciones musicales de REO Speedwagon, el Conjunto de Duke Ellington, los Fabulous Hubcaps y Jeff Ball
- Espectáculos de rayos láser, fuegos artificiales, carnaval de Jolly Shows, maniobras aéreas por Xtreme, exhibición espacial de NASA, festival de artesanía, y mucho más.
- Domingo, 26 de Mayo, participe en “Ride for Rockville” y “Pedalfest,” una celebración del ciclismo.
- Lunes, 27 de Mayo: El quincuagésimo octavo desfile de Memorial Day en Rockville: Un homenaje a los héroes americanos, y va a incluir una orquesta, payasos, y carrozas.



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8 Rockville Tree Walk. 9:30-11a.m. All ages. \$2 residents. \$3 nonresidents. Stroll around Rockville to view some unique, historical trees.

15 Father’s Day Surprise. 11a.m.-12 noon. Ages 3 and up. \$10 residents. \$12 nonresidents. Make your dad a Father’s Day gift from nature.

20 Spellbound by Sharks. 2-3 p.m. Ages 3 and up. \$4 residents. \$5 nonresidents.

21 Fireflies: Nature’s Flashlights. 7-8 p.m. All ages. \$3 residents. \$4 nonresidents.

For Seniors

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. For further information call 301-309-3025.

4 Planning for Your Estate. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

5 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

5 Birthday and Anniversary Party. 1:30-3 p.m. Free

7-19 Intermediate Word Processing. 1-3 p.m.

10-19 Introduction to Genealogy via the Internet. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

11 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

11 Readers Group. 7--8 p.m. Free.

12 Peripheral Neuropathy. 1-2 p.m.

18 Organize or Organize. 10 a.m.-12 noon. \$6 members. \$8 nonmembers.

19 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

19 Classical Music Appreciation 1-2:30 p.m.

19 First Aid. 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$25 members. \$31 nonmembers.

20 All About Osteoporosis. 1-2 p.m.

20 Salads for Summer. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$15 members. \$20 nonmembers.

24 Blood Pressure Screening. 10 a.m.-12 noon.

25 Arthritis & Pain Management. 10:15 a.m.



June Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Mayor & Council Live

June 10, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
June 17, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing

Meeting Replays

Monday, 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

City Hall Report

Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m.,
12 noon, 6 p.m., 10 p.m.

Cityline

Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

Mayor & Council Review

Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
6:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

SPECIALS

Mayor & Council Roundtable

Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.
Sun., Tues.-Fri., 2 p.m.
Wed.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.

Every 15 Minutes

Sat., Sun., 7 a.m., 1 p.m.,
11 p.m.
Wed.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.

State of the City

Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m., 11 p.m.
Daily, 1:30 p.m.

Nature Center

Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.
Daily, 7 p.m.

Air Quality Codes

Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m., 1 p.m.
Sat., Mon., 2:30 p.m.
Daily 11:30 p.m.

Watts Branch

Watershed Study

Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m.
Sat., Mon., 2 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

The Mayor and Council met for a General Session on April 22.

On April 22, the Mayor and Council:

- Declared April 2002 as Autism Awareness Month in Rockville.
- Declared April 28, 2002 as Rockville Science Day.
- Declared May 28, 2002 (Memorial Day) as Poppy Day in Rockville.
- Declared May 2002 as Bicycle Awareness Month.
- Declared May 2002 as the 23rd annual Asian-American Pacific Heritage Month.
- Presented Certificates of Appreciation to the volunteers of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.
- Appointed Jerome Loux to the Board of Appeals for the May 4, 2002 meeting.
- Appointed Ron Barber, Betty Hughes and Mary Ryan to members of Rockville Seniors, Inc. until July 1, 2003.
- Approved bid of \$29,500 to Audio Visual Imagineering Inc. for the laser light show for Hometown Holidays 2002.
- Adopted ordinance to grant zoning map amendment application to change the zoning of 1350 Baltimore Road, known as Rockville Cemetery, to the Historic District.
- Adopted ordinance to amend Chapter 13.5, titled "Moderately Priced Housing," so if the Mayor and Council approve an exploratory application to redevelop an existing public housing project, the same number of units as previously existed can be built.
- Reviewed and commented on schematic building designs and location for a 3,100 square-foot Chevy Chase Bank building, including two drive-through automatic teller machines, on a pad site of the Falls Grove Village Center.

Mayor and Council Meetings

- **June 3:** Work session, 7:30 p.m.
 - **June 10:** General Session, 7:30 p.m.
 - **June 17:** Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m.
 - **June 18:** Public Hearing, 7:30 p.m. (if needed, City-wide Master Plan)
- All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers in Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue.
- General sessions and public hearings are televised live on The Rockville Channel (Cable Channel 11). See the cable schedule on this page for more information.

Mayor and Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time. Please call the City Clerk's Office as drop in times are subject to change. (301-309-3310)

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled to be available for Drop-In in June are:

- **June 10:** Anne Robbins
- **June 17:** Bob Dorsey



Councilmember
Anne Robbins

Boards and Commission June Calendar

All meetings at City Hall unless noted otherwise

June 5 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

June 6 (Thursday)

Board of Appeals, 7 p.m.

June 11 (Tuesday)

Science, Technology and Environment Commission, 7:30 p.m.

June 12 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Cultural Arts, 7:30 p.m.
(Twinbrook Annex, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway)
Bike Advisory Committee, 7:15 p.m.

June 18 (Tuesday)

Historic District Commission, 7 p.m.

June 20 (Thursday)

Rockville Sister City, 7:30 p.m.

June 25 (Tuesday)

Traffic and Transportation Commission, 7 p.m.

June 26 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.

June 27 (Thursday)

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board, 6 p.m.

Remaining FY2003 Budget Dates

Key dates remaining in budget process:

- **May 20** Worksession
- **May 28** Worksession (if necessary)
- **June 10** Budget Adoption

Another Step Toward Safer Streets

New Highly-Visible Signs Help Protect Pedestrians

The City of Rockville, intent on making its streets safe for pedestrians and bicyclists, is one of the first Maryland municipalities to install highly-visible vertical signs in crosswalks. On Thursday, May 9, the first such sign was installed at the intersection of Maryland Avenue and Middle Lane in Rockville Town Center (about one block from the business row that includes Regal Cinemas). The signs will be part of Rockville's campaign to increase awareness of pedestrians and bicyclists.

In May, signs were installed at the following locations:

- Wootton Parkway (in front of Wootton High School, the crosswalk south of Paulsboro Drive)
- Maryland Avenue (at Vincent Street, south leg of intersection)
- East Middle Lane (at Maryland Avenue, east leg of intersection)
- East Middle Lane (at Maryland Avenue, west leg of intersection)
- Richard Montgomery (at Fleet Street)



Pictured unveiling the first sign, from left to right, are: Councilmember Susan Hoffmann, Mayor Larry Giammo and Councilmember Anne Robbins.

- Park Road (at North Stonestreet Avenue, west leg of intersection)
- Additional signs will be installed throughout the year. As part of the effort, Rockville Police will continue their increased enforcement of existing traffic laws

to protect pedestrians and bicyclists. Protecting pedestrians is an important element of the five goals and 22 action items the Mayor and Council will be focusing on during their term. The five goals include a Vibrant Town Center, Better Mobility, Superior City Services, Strengthened Neighborhoods and Rockville: Community Identity and Pride.

Included in the initiatives that the City is pursuing to achieve its goal of better mobility are: increase enforcement of existing traffic laws during peak times; improve particular street design; increase visibility of crosswalks; raise crosswalks; alter traffic signal timing; reduce speed limits in high-activity areas; install red-light cameras and implement a Pedestrian education campaign.

The issue of pedestrian safety was heightened in November after an 88-year-old resident was struck and killed while crossing a busy street. A park in East Rockville has since been named for the former Rockville resident Mary Trumbo. ❖